

SENATE BILL 88

By Stanley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to emergency
preparedness.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-101, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

() "Civil defense siren" means a siren, used to warn civilians in the case of a disaster, that is mounted on top of a pole that is at least fifty feet (50') high;

() "Siren" means an instrument used as an audible signal or warning device;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 58-2-133.

(a) To carry out its duties pursuant to § 58-2-106(b)(1)(F), the agency shall coordinate with each county to add a certain number of civil defense sirens per year in each county, beginning where population densities are greatest, until all areas with at least forty (40) people per square mile are covered. The number of civil defense sirens to be added is based upon the disaster risk of each county.

(b) Beginning in 2012, and each year thereafter, until all areas with at least forty (40) people per square mile are covered, the agency shall add at least:

(1) One (1) civil defense siren per year in the following counties: Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblin, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Sevier, Sullivan Unicoi, and Washington;

(2) Two (2) civil defense sirens per year in the following counties:

Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Clay, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Rhea, Roane, Scott, and Union;

(3) Three (3) civil defense sirens per year in the following counties:

Bedford, Benton, Bledsoe, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dickson, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Grundy, Hamilton, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lake, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Obion, Perry, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Sequatchie, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, Weakley, White, Williamson, and Wilson; and

(4) Four (4) civil defense sirens per year in the following counties:

Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, Tipton, and Wayne.

(c) If insufficient funds prevent the agency from funding new civil defense sirens in a particular county, used fire and air raid sirens are permitted to serve as replacements until such funding is available.

(d) Each county shall own each civil defense siren within its boundaries and shall be responsible for maintenance of such civil defense sirens, including, but not limited to, monthly testing to ensure the operational ability of all civil defense sirens.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.